

Transportation and the Economy

Moving People and Goods



Washington State
Transportation Commission

Overall Transportation Funding

How does transportation investment compare?

- In 2006, highway and transit investment nationally totaled \$221 billion from federal, state and local sources
- Washington State Transportation Budget:
 - \$7.53 billion for the 2007 – 09 biennium
 - \$7.53 billion for the 2009 – 11 biennium
- Combined county, city and transit investment statewide from local sources: over \$3 billion annually
- K-12 and Higher Ed Budget for 2009 – 11 biennium: \$25.1 billion

The Infrastructure Deficit

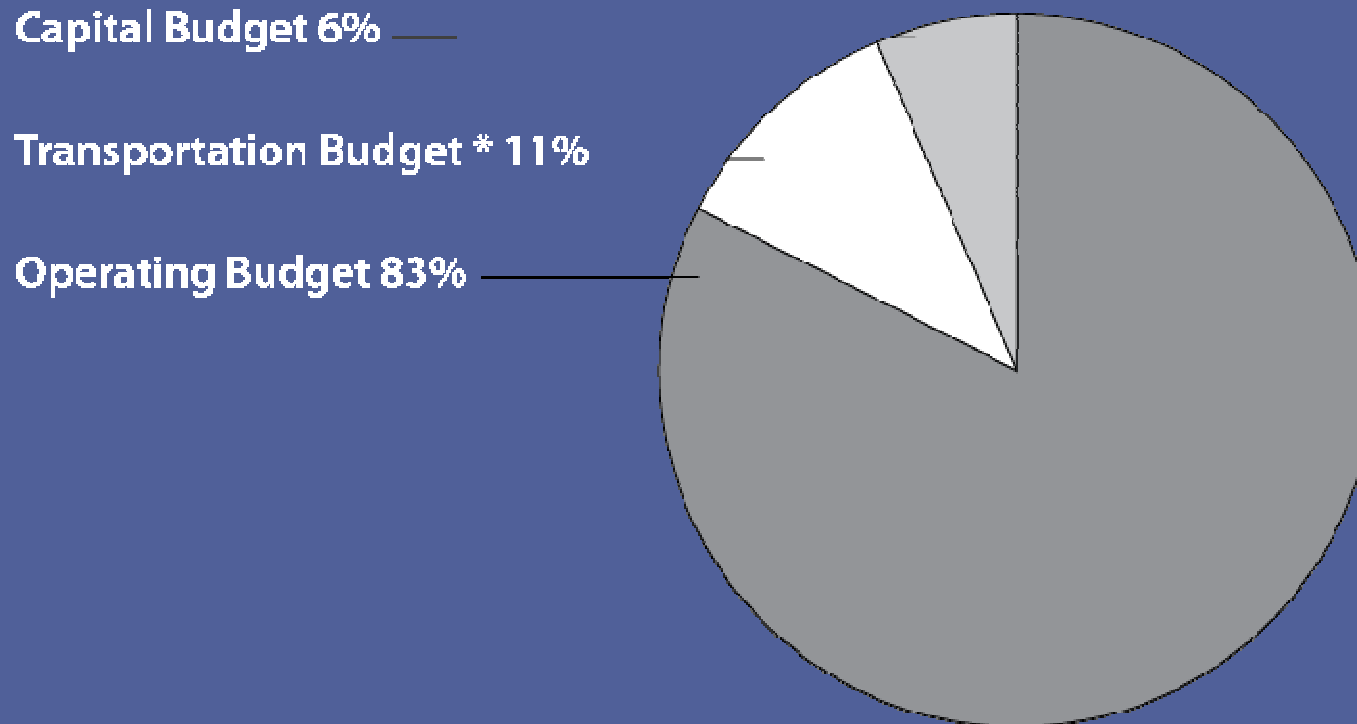
What is Needed Nationwide?

AASHTO estimates annual modal investment needed:

- Highways and Transit \$187 billion
- Freight Rail (public and private) \$12 billion
- Intercity Passenger Rail \$3.3 billion

FAA estimates \$8-10 billion for Air Traffic Control improvements alone over the next 10 years

Transportation Infrastructure is Less Than 11% of the State Budget



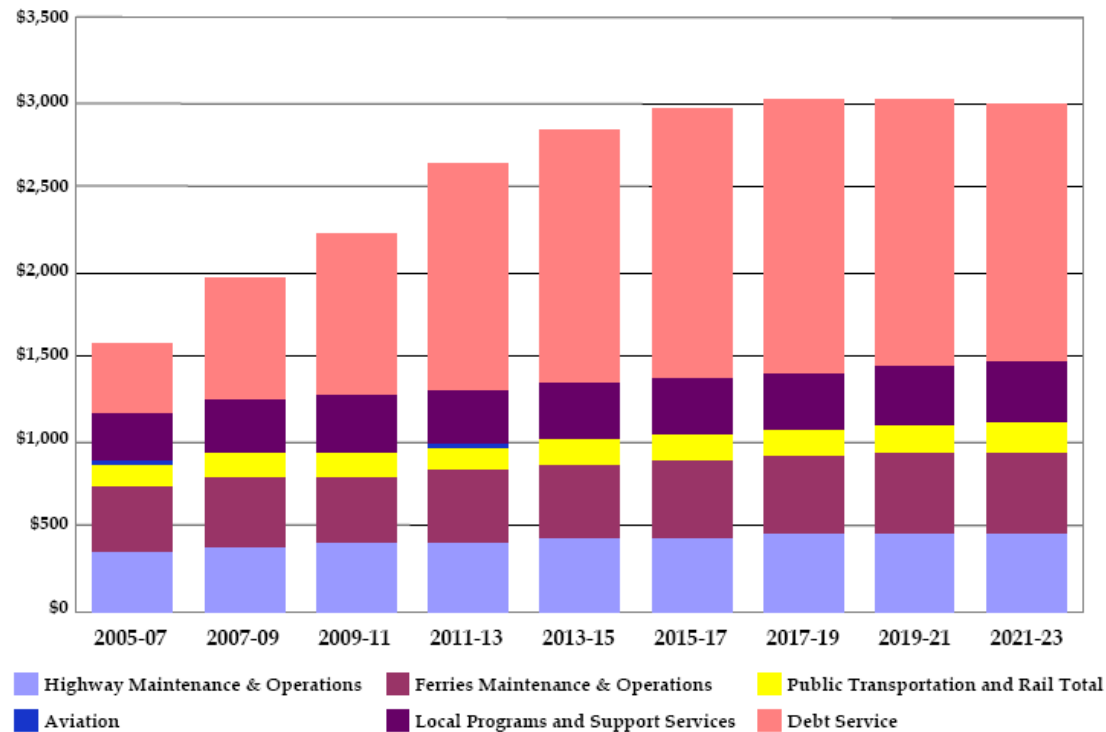
2007-09 State Budget (\$71.0 Billion)

*The Transportation Budget includes funding for Washington State Patrol and Department of Licensing

Debt Service Gets a Growing Share of State Transportation Budget

**Figure ES.5 WSDOT Capital Budget and 16-Year Financial Plan
Operating Uses of Funds**

Millions of Nominal Dollars



Source: Department of Transportation 2007 to 2009 Operating Budget Request and 16-Year Financial Plan, August 30, 2006.

The Current 2007 - 2026 Washington Transportation Plan



- Identifies a need to invest over \$67 billion over the 20 years ... (2005 dollars)
- \$38 billion of which is unfunded
- Does not include all local transit needs

Current WTP Investment Priorities

The Transportation Commission adopted these priorities for future investment:

- Preservation
- Safety
- Economic Vitality
- Mobility
- Environmental Quality and Health

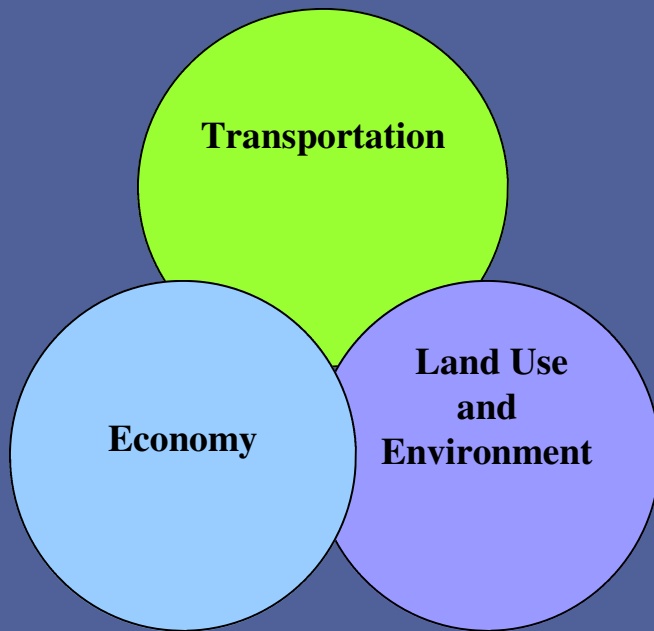
In 2007, the Legislature enacted into all statute 4 of these 5 priorities – all but economic vitality.

Assumptions for the Washington Transportation Plan for 2030

A transportation system for 2030:

- Almost 1.7 million more people in the state
- An older population; 20% over 65 years old
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 25% below 1990 levels
- Declining gas tax revenue
- Innovative ways to move people and goods





The Commission recognizes three key needs for healthy communities.

A Sustainable Transportation System for 2030 will keep dollars in our state

- Last year Washington citizens spent over \$16 billion on gasoline and diesel fuel – much of that money leaving the state and the nation.
- The 21st Century workforce needs greater investments in urban and intercity public transportation.



A Multi-system Approach to the 2011 – 2030 WTP

Coordinate land use and environment, transportation, and economic development:

- ferries and tourism
- farm-to-market roads
- keep freight moving
- commercial aviation throughout the state

All players at the table.



We Need New Approaches and New Solutions



- Technology
- Innovation
- Efficiencies
- Partnerships

Technology And Efficiency



Two toll facilities currently operating, others are planned or in study:

Operating:

- Tacoma Narrows Bridge
- SR 167 High Occupancy Toll (HOT) Lanes Pilot Project

Planned:

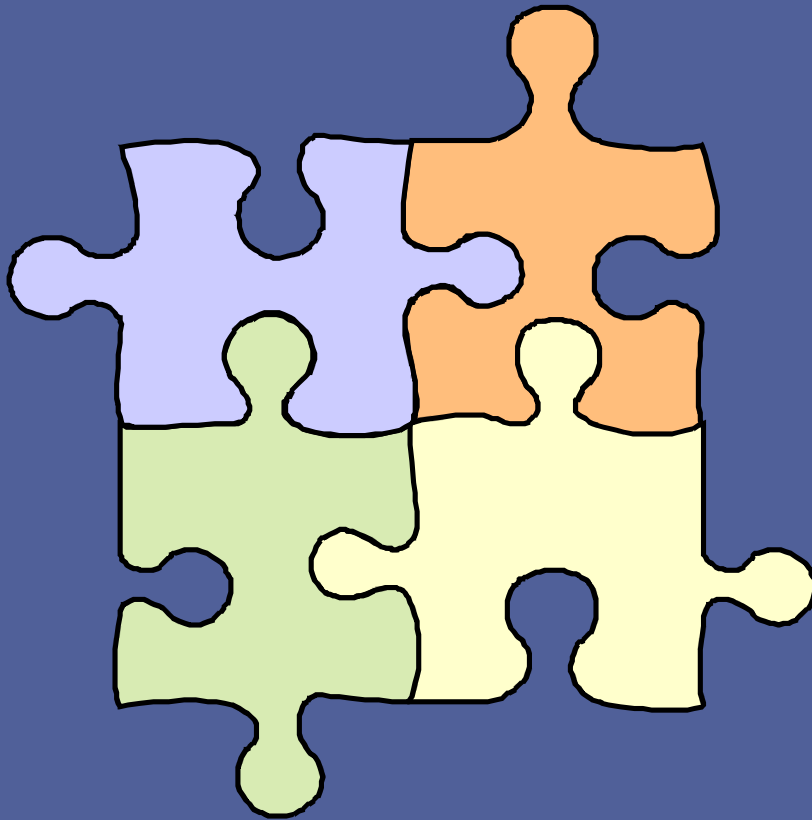
- SR 520 Bridge
- SR 99 Bored Tunnel

Innovation

- Use technology to manage the system
- Provide travelers information on alternative routes
- Ramp metering improves traffic flow
- Remove accidents quickly



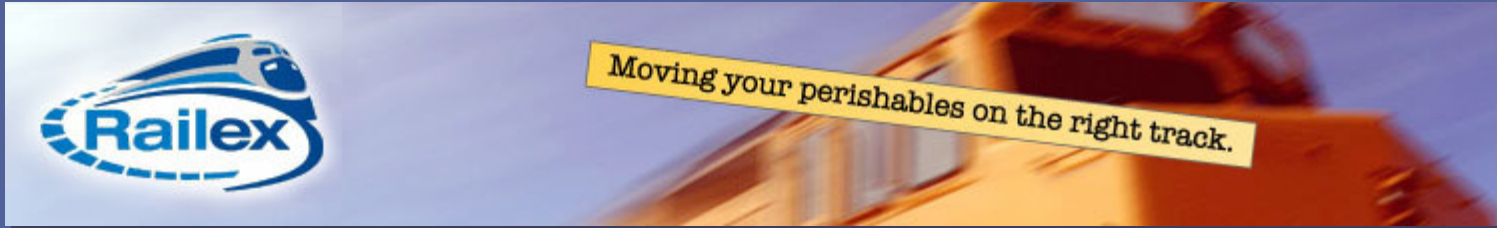
Partnerships



Stronger and more consistent collaboration and partnerships

- between governments
- between governments and the private sector

Innovation And Partnerships



Railex

Shipping perishable produce
cross-country in 4 to 5 days



Examples Of Partnerships

- Kent Valley grade separation projects



- Columbia River Crossing



- The Grape Line



Washington Transportation Plan 2011 – 2030 Update

Current Activities

- Establish Advisory Group
- Finalize WTP planning process
- Develop a WTP vision for 2030
- Begin public outreach

Next Year

- Continue WTP Public Outreach
- Draft WTP Policy Recommendations
- Draft 2011- 2030 WTP and seek public comment
- Adopt 2011-2030 WTP

The End

